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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Tatsurou Kawamura

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Group Art Unit: 1743

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For:

METHOD FOR VERIFYING AMOUNT OF SAMPLE SOLUTION, METHOD FOR CONTROLLING MEASUREMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MEASURING CONCENTRATION OF SOLUTION IN APPARATUS FOR MEASURING OPTICAL

CHARACTERISTIC

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated June 17, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 17, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.